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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the new **provisional-to-utility** patent application of:

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TITLE: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING CANINE GENDER

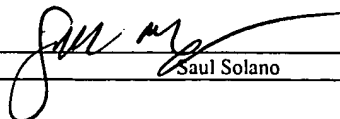
Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b):

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Specification	35
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Enclosure(s):

- Initial Information Data Sheet (3 pages)
- Preliminary Amendment (6 pages)
- Sequence Listing which includes:
 - Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) (1 page)
 - Verified Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) (1 page)
 - Sequence Listing (24 pages)
 - Disk containing the sequence listing (1 disk)
- Return Receipt Postcard

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/439,188, filed January 10, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein

Applicant(s) claim **SMALL ENTITY status** in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

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